

HOUSE IGNORES TAFT MESSAGE; SENATE DELAYS IT

Lower Body Adjourns Without
Hearing It, While in Upper
House It Waits Hours.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Congress adjourned for the Christmas holidays yesterday after some lively maneuvering over President Taft's message. The House was unable to get a quorum and adjourned without even having received the President's message, and the message waited until 4 o'clock before it could secure entrance into the Senate. The President's message gave Congress his opinion of the charges that he had been playing politics in his recent Executive order putting 34,000 fourth-class postmasters under the civil service. He made the counter charge that

his accusers on the floor of the House were talking "untruths," and declared that he deeply regretted the failure of Congress to pass legislation which practically would destroy the "spoils system."

"Criticism has been made of this order on the ground that the motive was political," said the President. "Nothing could be further from the truth. The order was made before the election and in the interest of efficient public service. I have several times requested Congress to give me authority to put first, second and third class postmasters, and all other local officers, including internal revenue officers, customs officers, United States marshals and the local agents of the other departments, under the classification of the Civil Service law by taking away the necessity for confirming such appointments by the Senate. I deeply regret the failure of Congress to follow these recommendations. The change would have taken out of politics practically every local officer and would have entirely cured the evils growing out of what, under the present law, must always remain a remnant of the spoils system."

Otherwise the message was devoted largely to a review of the accomplishments of several Government departments not alluded to in previous messages. The President also advocated legislation which would permit members of the Cabinet to sit in either house of Congress, with the right to enter into debate and answer questions, but without vote.

Both houses adjourned to meet on Thursday, Jan. 2, while the Senate, as a court of impeachment, will reconvene

Jan. 3. All business of Congress will be at a standstill throughout the holiday recess.

The Senate confirmed only one appointment, that of John H. Brown as Postmaster at Concord, N. H., in the hour and a half of executive debate. No action was taken on the appointments of Edgar E. Clark, whose term as Interstate Commerce Commissioner will expire Dec. 31.

Figures presented by Senator Smoot to show that in previous changes of administration the Senate had always confirmed the appointments of the retiring Presidents met with a sharp reply from Senator Hoke Smith. He declared that President Taft had sent over thirteen hundred appointments to the Senate during three weeks of this session, while President Cleveland sent in but 400 during the whole three months of the last Congress of the first Cleveland term.

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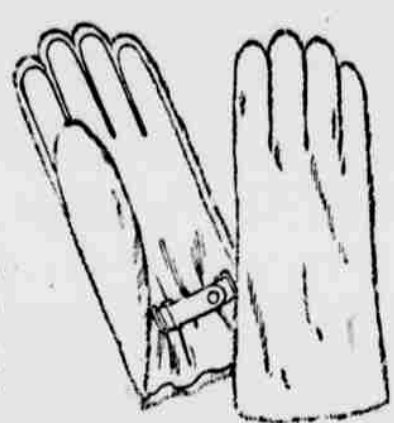
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